

**LICENSING**

# How to Become a Shotfirer

This information bulletin provides advice on the application process and requirements for a Northern Territory shotfirers licence.

The use of blasting explosives, display fireworks and special effects is limited to persons holding an NT shotfirers licence.

To become a shotfirer the applicant must:

- Be over the age of 18 years.
- Sufficiently fluent in the English language as the applicant will need to understand directions relating to the use of blasting explosives.
- Be able to demonstrate sufficient knowledge and practical experience in using explosives or have undertaken training qualification from a Registered Training Organisation.
- Complete a satisfactory Criminal History Check [PF095](#).
- Not found to be suffering from defective hearing, defective vision or a physical infirmity likely to interfere with the efficient and safe discharge in your duties as a Shotfirer

## New applications

A new applicant with no prior experience or training must complete a training course through a Registered Training Organisation.

## Reciprocal applications

Interstate shotfirers or pyrotechnic current licences are recognised for reciprocal applications. The applicant will also be required to complete [FM131 shotfirers declaration](#) form detailing their past 12 month's use of explosives.

## Licence renewals

Shotfirers are required to maintain their experience and knowledge of explosives.

A shotfirers declaration is required to be completed at the time of renewal to demonstrate continual use and information of explosives. Shotfirers who have not used explosives during their licence period may be required to complete a training course through a Registered Training Organisation.

## Types of licences

There are five types of licences available depending on what training, industry or experience the applicant has had. They are:

- Agricultural/Seismic/Small Scale Blasting
- Quarrying/Open Cut
- Tunnelling and under ground mining

- Firework displays
- Special effects

## Application

Please see link to [FM011a](#) Dangerous Goods shotfirer licence application form. All applications are to be lodged at the Territory Business Centre.

Please refer to Information Bulletin [10.01.03](#) for current fees and charges.

**For further information please contact NT Worksafe on 1800 019 115 or visit [www.worksafe.nt.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au)**